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BEING

A LIVING SKELETON,

Taken by a Venetian Galley, from a Turkish Vessel in the Archipelago: this was a fairy child, supposed to be born of Hungarian parents, but changed in the nursery, aged nine years and more, not exceeding a foot and a half high. The legs, thighs, and arms so very small, that they scarce exceed the bigness of a man's thumb, and the face no bigger than the palm of one's hand: and seems so grave and solid as if it were threescore years old. You may see the whole anatomy of its body by setting it against the sun, or by holding candles behind it. It never speaks, but when passion moves it, it cries like a cat. It has no teeth, but is the most voracious and hungry creature in the world, devours more victuals than the stoutest man in England.

Vivant Rex et Regina.

[From a Hand Bill in the British Museum: temp. William and Mary.]